A Celebration of Life Through Christ

Connie Lynn Thomas-Decuir

Earthly Arrival: August 31, 1958 • Eternal Rest Departure: July 15, 2015

And I said, Oh that I had wings like a dove! for then would I fly away, and be at rest. *Psalm 55:6 KJV*

Service

Friday, July 24, 2015 • 11:30 AM • Viewing 10:30AM – 11:30AM

St. Cornelius Catholic Church
205 28th Street • Richmond, CA 94804
Father Ray Ogbemure, Celebrant

Interment
St. Jospeh Cemetery • 2560 Church Lane • San Pablo, CA 94806

Connie

A Legacy of Love

God breathed on August 31, 1958 and Connie Lynn Thomas-Decuir was born in New Orleans, Louisiana. Her parents the late James, and Leona Turner-Thomas knew they were blessed beyond measure. Connie was their first born daughter of four children. She was baptized and confirmed at St. David's Catholic Church in New Orleans Louisiana. Her faith in God remained a constant source of strength throughout her life. As a dynamic personality, she excelled in her studies and graduated from St. Mary's Academy High School in New Orleans. Connie attended both Louisiana State University and Heald College.

After meeting the love of her life 33 years ago, Connie and David Decuir left New Orleans for the San Francisco Bay Area, where they would raise their sons, Corey and Michael. The family became pillars in the community, establishing a legacy of love and kindness.

Connie's life will continue to inspire many. Her standard of excellence was demonstrated not only through her elegance, but by the manner in which she made the lives of all she touched better.

The torch of Connie's character and commitment to service continues through her husband David Decuir; sons Corey Allen Jones and Michael James Decuir; mother Leona Turner-Thomas; father James Thomas (deceased); daughter-in-law Shalonda Jones, granddaughter Corinne Milan Jones; sister Penny Thomas; brothers Bryant Thomas (Vanessa) and Kenneth Thomas (Sharon); mother-in-law Laura Bax; father-in-law Donald Decuir and his wife Jacqueline Decuir; brother-in-law Michael Decuir (Lynn); sisters-in-law Veronica Mathieu; Katherine Decuir (Marlon Wright); Anna Decuir (Robert Herdman); Claudine Decuir; aunts Esther Mae Brown (Roy); Malvina Taylor (Alan); Yvonne Dorsey (Lloyd); uncles Rev. Dr. Clarence Thomas (Marilyn); Joseph Turner (Mary); Willie Turner (Joyce); Connie's spirit also rests on several nieces and nephews.

She was joyously welcomed by her father the late James Thomas, grandparents Joseph and Leona Drew-Turner and Allen and Malvina Mitchell-Thomas. Several aunts (Gloria Thompson, Gerdie McFadden, Rosenell Jackson, Ethel May Davis, Doretha Thomas, Gwendolyn Thomas, and Josie Thomas) and uncles (Alvin Turner, Allen Thomas, William Thomas, Frank Thomas, and Samuel Thomas) joined in greeting her in eternity as well.

Order of Service

Celebrant	Father Ray Ogbemure
Processional	Be Not Afraid
First Reading: Proverbs 31:10-31	Mr. John Lewis
Responsorial: Psalms 23	Mr. Andy Gutierrez
Second Reading: Romans 8:35-39	Mr. John Lewis
Gospel	John 14:1-6
Homily	Father Ray Ogbemure
Eulogy	Reverend Benjamin Blackmon
Prayer of the Faithful	
Presentation of Gifts	
Offertory Song	"How Great Thou Art Our Father"Holy
Communion Song	"I Am the Bread of Life"
Meditation Song	"Ave Maria"
Closing Gospel Song	"Knocking on Heaven's Gate"

Pallbearers

Larry Austin	Mustafa Muhee
Jahon Pride	Will Riviore
Will Tate	Dwight Wilson

Expression of Appreciation

"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." *John 14: 1-3 KJV*

The family of Connie Lynn Thomas-Decuir gratefully acknowledges the concern and caring of friends and relatives shown through a multitude of kind acts, telephone calls, visits, and messages. Each of you have made God's presence and support visible and real. Thank you for coming to celebrate with us the life of our beloved.

Virtuous Woman

Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies. The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life. Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come. She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness. She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her. Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all. Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates. *Psalm 31: 10-12, 25-31*

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